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FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, JO, US
SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING: VIETNAM EQUIPMENT

REFS: (A) AMMAN 4279 (B) STATE 171054

1. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION WITH KING
AUGUST 10 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I GAVE HIM A REPORT AS
INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL (B) . I EMPHASIZED FOR HIM THAT WE
CONSIDER JORDAN'S NEEDS VERY IMPORTANT AND HAVE THEM VERY
MUCH IN MIND, BUT THAT DECISION WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME YET.

2. RE PARA 2, SINCE DOD DOES NOT HAVE LARGE NUMBERS OF F-5
AIRCRAFT IN ITS INVENTORY AND SINCE
SOME OF THESE WERE APPARENTLY RECOVERED FROM VIETNAM,
IS THERE ANY CHANCE THEY CAN BE LOOKED AT AHEAD OF
TIME. THESE AND C-130'S ARE JORDAN'S MAJOR INTEREST
AND SOMETHING POSITIVE NOW WOULD BE IMMENSELY HELPFUL.
SINCE DELIVERIES OF F-5S ARE CONTINUING TO JORDAN IN
ANY EVENT, ADDITIONAL F-5S SHOULD HOPEFULLY NOT PROVE
TO BE A CAUSE CELEBRE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
CONTINUING REASSESSMENT.

3. ONCE AGAIN, WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT ANY
OFFER MADE BE CONDITIONED TO DISPOSAL OF F-104
AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY IN RJAF INVENTORY, PARTICULARLY
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IN THAT THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN INDICATIONS THAT JORDAN

WOULD CONSIDER SUCH A CHANGE.
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